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FOLLOWING ARE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON CANADIAN DRAFT
RES ON CONFERENCE/EXPOSITION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS TRANS-
MITTED REFTEL:

1. OPERATIVE PARA 2: SUGGEST WORD "WELCOMES" BE SUBSTITU-
TED FOR WORD "ENDORSES" AND WORDS "INGENERAL" BE DELETED.

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2. OPERATIVE PARA 5: THIS PARA INVOLVES QUESTION OF SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEE. FIRST SESSION OF UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL WAS UNABLE TO RESOLVE THIS QUESTION AND SIMPLY PASSED ISSUE ON TO GA. DEPT BELIEVES STRONGLY THAT PREPCOM OF 58 MEMBERS WILL BE UNWIELDY AND INEFFICIENT. CANADIANS, IN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS HERE, HAVE INDICATED THEY WOULD PREFER PREPCOM OF 30 TO 35 MEMBERS PROVIDED IT PROPOSED BY OTHERS AND IS BROADLY ACCEPTABLE. THEY UNWILLING TAKE LEAD ON THIS ISSUE. DEPT INCLINED BELIEVE, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE DEL'S VIEWS, THAT IT WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE FOR US TO TAKE LEAD. THEREFORE, SUGGEST DEL DISCUSS THIS QUESTION INFORMALLY WITH OTHER FRIENDLY DELS, TO TEST POSSIBILITY SOME OTHER DELEGATION, PERHAPS SWEDES, MIGHT BE WILLING TO SPEARHEAD DRIVE

FOR COMMITTEE OF 30 TO 35 MEMBERS. WE WISH AVOID SUGGESTION OF COMMITTEE OF LESS THAN 30 BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT MIGHT LEAD TO SUGGESTION THAT PREPARATORY RESPONSIBILITY BE ASSIGNED TO UN COMMITTEE ON BUILDING AND HOUSING. DEPT NOTES THAT CANADIANS HAVE DROPPED PROVISION, WHICH APPEARED IN UNEP GC RECOMMENDATION, THAT MEMBERSHIP BE DRAWN FROM MEMBER STATES REPRESENTED ON UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL. BELIEVE THIS CHANGE NECESSARY, INASMUCH AS MEMBER

SHIP OF GOVERNING COUNCIL WILL CHANGE ANNUALLY. UNEP RESOLUTION STATES THAT MEMBERSHIP PREPCOM "WOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION" WHICH MISSING FROM CANADIAN DRAFT. IF FINAL DECISION IS 58 MEMBER PREPCOM, DEPT SUGGESTS GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION BE COVERED AS IN GA RES 2997(XXVII) PART 1 FOR UNEP GC. IF, AS WE HOPE, PREPCOM OF SMALLER MEMBERSHIP AGREED, GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION WILL HAVE TO BE APPROPRIATELY ADJUSTED. DEL SHOULD DISCUSS THIS WITH CANADIANS AND OTHERS DURING FORTHCOMING CONTACT GROUP DISCUSSION.

3. OPERATIVE PARA 6: SUGGEST ADDITION WORDS "AND THE IAEA" TO END THIS SECTION. THIS IS STANDARD FORMULATION AND WE BELIEVE OMISSION IAEA WILL BE MISUNDERSTOOD. NOTE THAT OPERATIVE PARA 7 DOES USE STANDARD FORMULATION. WE NOTE ALSO THAT CANADIANS HAVE OMITTED ANY MENTION OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CENTER FOR HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING IN THIS PARA AND HAVE COVERED OMISSION BY REFERENCE TO "COOPERATION WITH

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS." DEL SHOULD STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS FORMULATION SINCE WE WISH DOWNPLAY ROLE OF CENTER.

4. DEPT BELIEVES OPERATIVE PARA 8 COULD LEAD TO OFFERS

OF ASSISTANCE FROM INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS BEYOND WHAT PREPCOM WILL FIND USEFUL. SUGGEST BETTER FORMULATION MIGHT READ AS FOLLOWS: "URGES THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO CALL UPON THE SERVICES OF CONCERNED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE/EXPOSITION.

5. MISSION SHOULD AVOID COMMITMENT US COSPONSORSHIP OF RESOLUTION.

6. FYI. WE ASSUME SECRETARIAT PAPER ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS, COPY OF WHICH HERTER ABLE OBTAIN DURING RECENT NEW YORK VISIT ON INFORMAL BASIS, WILL NOT BE DISCUSSED UNTIL PAPER FORMALLY DISTRIBUTED.

DEPT AWARE THAT CANADIANS AND OTHERS HAVE DOCUMENT ON INFORMAL BASIS. IF QUESTIONS CONCERNING US POSITION THIS PAPER ARISE, DEL SHOULD SAY PAPER STILL UNDER STUDY WITHIN DEPT AND OTHER INTERESTED AGENCIES. IN MEANTIME OUR INITIAL REVIEW IS GENERALLY FAVORABLE. WE BELIEVE SOME REDUCTIONS IN THE ESTIMATES MAY BE POSSIBLE, BUT WE WILL WISH TO SEE ACABQ REPORT BEFORE TAKING FINAL POSITION. END FYI.

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